

Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Timeline 2009-10

August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication of Spring Testing Plan (operational reading, make-up reading tests, mathematics field testing, alternate test administration) • Communication of new protocols to schools • Mathematics Standards approve – State Board of Education • Mathematics item development – finalized, entered into DRC system • Continued item development for alternate assessment (reading and mathematics)
September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on eDirect System (communication tool between NDE – Districts – DRC) and Enrollment Verification Systems • Formal reading alignment study • Mathematics item hand off to DRC
October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading operational test construction/sign off • Reading practice test available • District decisions about testing mode: online or paper/pencil, large print, Braille booklets, alternate assessment booklets • Online enrollment system • Alternate assessment test development and training across the state • Final decisions about reporting formats
January 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training: WebEx sessions for Technology Coordinators • Mathematics practice test released online, paper/pencil • New CAL software released for download to schools • “Chats” across the state – communicating the testing plans • Begin the revision of science standards
February 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three administration workshops onsite across Nebraska
March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of online management tools • Operational reading test materials sent to districts • Field test mathematics materials sent to districts • Testing Window: March 29-April 30, 2010 • Contrasting Group Study and WebEx training • Science standards revision continues
April / May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up testing window • Science standards revision and follow up
June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Standards – State Board Approval • Standard Setting - Reading/final approval of achievement standards • Analysis of mathematics field testing • Continued item development: reading and mathematics
July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued item development: reading and mathematics • Beginning item development: science
August 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First reporting of NeSA reading results